



What is SpankOut Day?

Raising Responsible (Good) Kids Without Hitting

SpankOut Day USA was initiated in 1998 to give widespread attention to the need to end corporal punishment of children and to promote non-violent ways of teaching children appropriate behavior. EPOCH-USA (End Physical Punishment of Children) sponsors SpankOut Day USA on April 30th of each year. All parents, guardians, and caregivers are encouraged to refrain from hitting children on this day, and to seek alternative methods of discipline through programs available in community agencies, churches and schools. EPOCH-USA is a program of the *Center for Effective Discipline* and part of an international effort to end corporal punishment of children through education and legal reform.

In collaboration with The Ohio Children's Trust Fund, 20 Mini-Grants of \$250 each will be awarded to community agencies, programs, churches and schools across Ohio to promote SpankOut Day 2005.

The funds must be used to promote awareness about the negative effects of physical punishment, and teach safe, effective discipline alternatives. Each grant must reach 20-30 persons.

Go to <http://www.stophitting.com/spankOut> for ideas.
Mini-grant applications will be available on-line November 1, 2004.
Applications must be received by December 31, 2004.

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